



Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms

Promoting Historic Baptist Traditions and Freedoms

Website: <https://www.c-abf.ca>

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Treasured CABF Members (Individual/ Church) and Friends:

As we enter this new phase of what it means to be Canadian in 2025, we at CABF are also entering a new phase of restructuring what it means to have Baptist freedoms across our nation. We live out our vision and our mission with arms extended to all nationalities, races, faiths, languages, sexual orientations, and genders--as did Jesus.

It is our privilege to celebrate these freedoms through our annual gatherings of fellowship and education. In 2025, we ask that you take note of the following dates and stay alert for details and updates. Know that our website, <https://www.c-abf.ca> is kept as current as possible, as is our FB page.

June 7, 2025 - Rushton Lecture and Business Meeting

Hennigar Room, Community Centre
Mahone Bay NS (45 School Street, Mahone Bay)

- 10:30 am Registration - \$25 pp, payable at the door
Please pre-register (cabftreasurer@gmail.com)
so we will have accurate numbers for lunch.
- 11:30 am Lunch (included in Registration Fee)
- 12:00 noon Speaker: Dr. Jackie Kinley
***“Staying healthy: Optimistic and Calm
During Challenging Times”***
Questions & Answers

Dr. Jackie Kinley is an associate professor at Dalhousie University in the faculty of psychiatry. Dr. Kinley promotes psychological and behavioral health and resilience using the Science of Neuroplasticity. Her interests include the prevention of mental illness and the promotion of mental health and fitness. Her work is interdisciplinary, collaborative, and contributes to both the academic literature and affecting change in health practice and policy nationally.



- 1:20 pm Business Meeting
- Special Resolution to Amend the CABF By-Laws (see [Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms - Constitution and Policies](#) for details)
For those wishing to attend a Town Hall (Zoom) Information Session on the proposed changes, check the CABF Website at <https://www.c-abf.ca>.
 - Memorial Moment
 - Devotional

As we meet for business purposes, please note that if you are an individual member, you are eligible to vote.

If your church is a member, it is entitled to appoint two delegates to vote on its behalf.

If you are one of the two delegates, then you are eligible to vote on behalf of your church.

*If you are not an individual member or a church delegate and wish to attend as a 'Friend of CABF'
you are more than welcome to be present but will not be eligible to vote.*

Our Vision: *Baptists freely seeking, living, sharing and celebrating justice, peace and love under the lordship of Christ.*

September 26/27, 2025 - Annual General Meeting and Fellowship

September 26, 2025 Business meeting via ZOOM
September 27, 2025 Fellowship and Lecture. TBA
Details to be included at a later date.

October 26-30, 2025 - Cross Canada Conference

Venue: Grandview Church
1803 E 1st Ave, Vancouver, BC

Love Draws Near
Cultivating Kinship within a
Global Climate of Division and Disorientation



This year, the lectionary is based on the gospel of Luke, a gospel that articulates God's compassion and care for those on the fringes of power—women, the poor, the stranger, religious and ethnic minorities. In an age of rising hostility towards the “other” and disregard for the poor, how important it is to remember the way Christ drew near to all people!

As we, friends and members of the CABF, draw near to each other, may we reorient ourselves to Divine Love, strengthening our love and commitment to soul liberty, to one another, to all God's children, and to God's good earth.

More information is available on the CABF Website at <https://www.c-abf.ca/events/cabf-events>. You can register there and get travel and accommodation suggestions.

On behalf of the CABF Council, I look forward to seeing you at the Rushton Lecture, at the AGM, and hopefully at the Cross Canada Conference.

You are invited to attend all of our meetings via Zoom, and I pray that you will join us. Zoom login information is not included today, just the invitation to join us. Login information will be provided near to the date of each event.

A blessing is a circle of light drawn around a person to protect, heal, and strengthen. May this blessing of light be yours today and always.

Shalom
Rev. Dr. Marlene Knowles, President